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:OK PROPOSES CALLING OFF 21 AUG NSCC DEPUTIES MEETING

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(TEXT) SEOUL, AUG. 19 (HAPTONG)--SOUTH KOREA TODAY PROPOSED TO NORTH KOREA TO CANCEL THE EIGHTH SESSION OF DEPUTY POLITICAL EGOTIATORS SCHEDULED FOR 21 AUGUST.

THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE IN A TELEPHONE MESSAGE SENT BY CHANG I-YONG, SOUTHERN DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING OMMITTEE, A CHANNEL OF INTER-KOREAN COMMUNICATIONS.

IN THE MESSAGE SENT ON THE DAY OF FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THE LAIN WIFE OF PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI, CHANG TOLD HIS NORTHERN OUNTERPART, YU CHANG-SIK, THAT HE WAS PROPOSING TO CALL OFF HE SCHEDULED MEETING DUE TO "SOME CIRCUMSTANCES HERE."

CHANG ALSO DID NOT GIVE ANY ALTERNATE DATE FOR THE MEETING, AYING THAT IT WOULD PROPOSE IT LATER.

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